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Travel Alert issued for eastern North Dakota through Saturday morning

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) has issued a **Travel Alert** for eastern North Dakota through Saturday morning. Conditions are such that **motorists can still travel**, but should be advised that snowfall and winds are causing snow fog which is creating reduced visibility especially when meeting and passing other vehicles. Motorists are encouraged to reduced speeds and drive according to the conditions.

Cities affected by the **Travel Alert** include: Grafton, Grand Forks, Fargo, Wahpeton, Valley City, Jamestown and surrounding areas.

Travel Alert remains in effect for southwestern North Dakota through Saturday morning. Conditions are such that **motorists can still travel**, but should be advised that a period of freezing rain has caused icy road conditions. In addition, snowfall and high winds are causing snow fog which is creating reduced visibility especially when meeting and passing other vehicles. Motorists are encouraged to reduced speeds and drive according to the conditions.

Cities affected by the **Travel Alert** include: Dickinson, Beach, Belfield, Bowman, Hettinger, Mott, Killdeer, and surrounding areas.

All travelers are encouraged to monitor road conditions, reduce traffic speeds as weather conditions occur and use caution while traveling. For road information, call 511 from any type of phone or go to the website: www.dot.nd.gov.

NDDOT releases information to inform the public about travel conditions throughout the state. The three categories are as follows:

1. **Travel Alerts** are issued to alert motorists that areas of challenging winter driving conditions may be encountered on roadways. Conditions are such that motorists can still travel; however, they should be aware that rapidly changing conditions may result in travel delays due to reduced speeds and visibility.
2. **No Travel Advisories** are issued when conditions warrant no travel but not a road closure. No Travel Advisories have the potential to change to a Road Closure if conditions deteriorate. No Travel Advisories are issued for public safety to encourage motorists not to venture out onto the roads. Motorists are urged to take No Travel Advisories seriously. Conditions change often during a storm event and motorists may become stranded if they are caught between destinations.
3. **Roads are closed** when conditions create a life-threatening danger to motorists. The roadway is impassable and it is against the law to drive past a road closure device on a closed road. Motorists should obey road closures, even when a sign or a gate is not present.

Please be advised that road condition information on 511 and the travel map is updated daily from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. CST. The road report is based upon the information available to the NDDOT at the time of preparation and is provided solely as a public service. Conditions may vary from those reported.

If you become stranded, motorists should stay with their vehicle and call 911 for emergency assistance.

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